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## Slovenia

### Poultry and Products

## Slovenia Confirms 1st Case of H5 Avian Influenza in Dead Swans

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**Report Highlights:**

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Within 3 kms of where the birds were found:

- All poultry and birds kept in captivity must be catalogued and housed
- Moving poultry, poultry products and birds that are kept in captivity is banned
- Wild bird hunting is banned
- More stringent disinfection measures at poultry production facilities have been proscribed
- Samples from poultry will be taken

Within 10 kms:

- All poultry and birds kept in captivity must be catalogued and housed
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Slovenian Veterinary Authorities also asked all Slovenian poultry breeders to keep their poultry housed and out of contact with wild birds.

Slovenia informed EU Commission and Slovenian Ministry of Health, as well as the Slovenian Institute for Protection of Health about the confirmed finding of avian influenza.

For additional information on avian influenza in Slovenia see GAINS report: SI 5005